(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the concerned State Governments have been consulted in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the concerned States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) A scheme for Pollution abatement of river Yamuna in Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh has been formulated in consultation with and with the consent of the two State Governments and Delhi Administration. The details of the scheme are being worked out.

National River Action Plan

954. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch a Rs. 1115 crore "National River Action Plan" aimed at cleaning up severely polluted stretches of 12 major rivers of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by when the plan is likely to be implemented;

(d) the estimated cost of the plan; and

(e) the progress made under Ganga Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) A National River Action Plan (NRAP) for agatement of pollution in the grossly polluted stretches of major rivers of the country is under formulation. Details in this regard are being worked out.

(e) Under the Ganga Action Plan, out of 261 sanctioned Schemes of pollution abatement, 175 schemes have been completed so far. The completed schemes account for a diversion of 405 million litres per day)mld) of sewage against the target of 873 mld by the 261 schemes.

Depletion of forest areas in Orissa

955. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large forest areas are being depleted every year in Orissa and several other States;

(b) if so, the approximate forest areas being so depleted every year, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to replenish the depleted forests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Details of decrease or increase of forest cover in respect of Orissa and other staes based on the visua interpretation of satellite imageries for the periods 1985—87 and 1987—89 are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) A massive programme of afforestation indeeding Social forestry, Agroforestly under 20 Point Programme is being implemented in all States/Union Territories.